

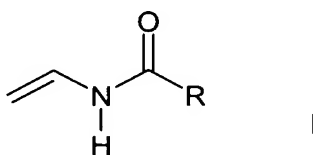
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A process for pretreating cellulosic textile, which comprises the steps of:

(a) treating cellulosic textile with a solution of polymer or copolymer obtainable by

(a1) polymerization or copolymerization of N-vinylamide of the general formula I,



where

comonomers of N-vinylamide are selected from (meth)acrylates, N-vinylpyrrolidone, N-vinylimidazole, ethylene, propylene, 1-butene and 1,3-butadiene,

R is selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₁₀-alkyl, and

- (a2) partial hydrolysis if appropriate,
- (b) optionally drying the treated textile, and
- (c) optionally saponifying all or some of the amide groups,

wherein at least one of the steps (a2) and (c) is carried out.

Claim 2 (Original): The process according to claim 1 that utilizes aqueous solution of polymer or copolymer.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ wherein R represents hydrogen in the general formula I.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~
claim 1 wherein the polymer or copolymer obtainable by polymerization or copolymerization
of N-vinylamide of the general formula I has an M_w in the range from 10,000 to 1,000,000
g/mol.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~
claim 1 wherein the copolymer is obtainable
by (a1) copolymerization of N-vinylamide of the general formula I
with at least one further comonomer selected from N-vinylpyrrolidone and
N-vinylimidazole.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~
claim 1 that utilizes polymer or copolymer obtainable by
(a1) polymerization or copolymerization of N-vinylamide of general formula I and
(a2) subsequent partial hydrolysis.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Cellulosic textile pretreated by a process according to
~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of~~ The method of using cellulosic textile
pretreated by a process according to ~~at least one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 for producing dyed
textile.

Claim 9 (Original): A process for producing dyed cellulosic textile, which comprises
dyeing pretreated cellulosic textile according to claim 7 with reactive, vat or direct dye.

Claim 10 (Original): The process according to claim 9 wherein the dyeing liquor
comprises from 0 to 20 g/l of one or more inorganic salts.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Dyed cellulosic textile obtainable by a process
according to claim 9 ~~or 10~~.